	Raw Monazite		Rare Earths Compound	
	Qty. in tonnes	Value (in Rs. lakhs)	Qty. in tonnes	Value (in Rs. lakhs)
1985-86	800	44·43	3793	560·47
1986-87	Nil	Nil	4046	651·58
1987-88	Nil	Nil	3652	658·12

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of toxic wastes

1507. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 50 developing and non-developed countries of the world are trying to conclude negotiations on controlling export of dangerous toxic wastes and to put a complete ban on its export;

(b) if so, the names of such countries who are trying to export this dangerous toxic wastes; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Study report on disbursement of funds to Bhopal gas victims

1508. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three member team of the International Red Cross Society visited India in September, 1988 to enquire into the alleged irregularities in the disbursement of funds to the Bhopal gas victims;

(b) whether the team had made a study report into the bungling by BTVCT; and

(c) if so, to what extent the bungling was made and to what extent it had affected the gas victims in Bhopal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Polio vaccine in India

1509. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether polio is a serious disease afflicting about 2000 children every year crippling them for life and even after 40 years of independence, polio vaccine is not produced in India;

(b) whether Government have committed indigenous production of polio vaccine in the country by the

year 1990-91 under the Technology Mission on Immunisation;

(c) if so, what is the strategy for meeting the above target, particularly with regard to production of oral polio vaccine and inactivated polio vaccine; and

(d) what is the detailed time table of indigenising manufacture of polio vaccines in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, *ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS* AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir, Polio is a serious disease which afflicts children, especially upto 2 years of age. The number of cases of polio reported by the various institutions in the country to the Central Bank of Health Intelligence, Directorate General of Health Services are as under:—

Year	Cases	Deaths
1984	18042	355
1985	18459	432
1986	16559	535
1987	2131	583
1988	13112	286
(upto September, 1988)		

The Immunization Programme has been using imported Oral Polio Vaccine, since Polio Vaccine is not indigenously produced in India.

(b) to (d) Steps are being taken for indigenous manufacture of Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) and Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) in the country under the Technology Mission on Immunization. A proposal to set up two separate companies for indigenous production of OPV and other Viral Vaccines, including IPV, is under consideration of Government of India. Under this proposal, indigenously manufactured OPV and IPV is expected to become available by the year 1991-92.

Research activities of CCMB

1510. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad has been funded for undertaking research activities in the frontier areas of biotechnology like cell division and malignant transformation, cell differentiation, protein degradation, study of integrated biological system and ribonucleases;

(b) if so, what are the details of specific projectwise funds provided to CCMB, Hyderabad over the past five years in each specific areas of biotechnology; and

(c) what is the upto date progress made in each of those specific research areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. These research activities are in the frontier areas of modern biology.

(b) Project-wise details of funds cannot be indicated as most of the facilities are common to a large number of projects. The budget of the centre for the last 5 years is as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Budget
1984-85	397 approx.
1985-86	570 ,,
1986-87	463 ,,
1987-88	565 ,,
1988-89	530 ,, (Budget Projection)

(c) The major progress in the last few years in each of these areas is as follows :